

II. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 5 to 19 as rewritten below:

Instant messaging (IM) is now well established on networked computers. When a user is logged on to a computer network, a presence setting associated with the user is set to "available". In this case, all other users connected to the network and which have the user in their friends list can see that the user is available, and are able to send ~~an~~ an IM to him or her. Instant messaging is also proposed for use with mobile telecommunications devices, notably mobile phones and personal digital assistants (PDAs), see for example the website for wireless-village.com ~~www.wireless-village.com~~. However, people's use of mobile telephones and PDAs is quite different to people's use of fixed networked workstations, and thus different considerations are required when designing an IM system for use with mobile telecommunication devices.